GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUGGESTIONS OF PLANNING COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested redical changes in the food policy and advocated greater role for the private sector and immediate corrections in the distorted PDS;

(b) whether the draft approach paper prepared by the panel has pointed out that the challenge was to reduce foodstocks to roughly half its present level and use it for reducing malnutrition, without adversely affecting the farmers;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) the details of the other recommendations made by the Commission;

(e) whether the Government have considered these recommendations; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to implement them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f): The Planning Commission has explored various approaches of dealing with PDS during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. However, the Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan is yet to be approved by the National Development Council and has not been finalised.